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In re Application of Hoyle et al. :
Application No. 09/375,695 :
Filing Date: August 17, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No. GE-06987A :

Decision on Petition

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed April 4, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is **granted**.

Facts:

A request to change the address of record was mailed to the Office on March 22, 2002. The request was received by the Office on April 4, 2002, and matched with the application file on or about April 12, 2002.

The Office failed to change the address of record.

A Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability were mailed to the old, incorrect address on September 25, 2002. Petitioner failed to receive either Notice.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 5, 2003.

The instant petition was filed April 4, 2003.

A facsimile copy of the petition was sent to Examiner Jewell Thompson on October 17, 2003. The copy of the petition was matched with the application file.

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley, petitioner filed a new copy of the petition on August 21, 2006. The application file wrapper was obtained from Technology Center 2800 on August 29, 2006.

Discussion:

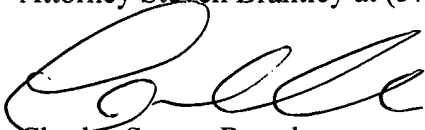
Petitioner has established non-receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

New copies of the papers originally mailed September 25, 2002, including the Notice of Allowance, will be mailed and the period for reply will be re-started.

Technology Center Art Unit 2855 will be informed of the instant decision. Thereafter, the Technology Center's technical support staff will mail a new Notice of Allowance, Notice of Allowability, and Reasons for Allowance. The time period for responding to the new Notices will be set to run from the mailing date of the new Notices.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Brantley', is written over the printed name.

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